



FRANCE AND GERMANY AGREE.

Concerning the Morocco Conference—
France Decides to Participate.

Paris, July 10.—Premier Rouvier and Prince von Radolin, the German ambassador here, have reached an agreement relative to the communications to be exchanged between France and Germany regarding Morocco. France consents to participate in a conference, having been assured in the course of the negotiations that her interests will be safeguarded. The official notes on the subject will be communicated to the Chamber of Deputies probably today. Information obtained in diplomatic quarters shows that it has practically been settled that the conference will be held at Tangier.

FINAL CEREMONY AT CHERBOURG.

Admiral Paul Jones' Body Aboard the Flagship Brooklyn.

Cherbourg, France, July 10.—The final ceremony of the transfer of the body of Admiral Paul Jones on board the United States flagship Brooklyn occurred here Saturday, and was the occasion for another impressive function. The body was first placed on board the torpedo boat Zouave, and thence was transferred to the Brooklyn, while the batteries of the American and French squadrons fired minute guns. Many warships, merchantmen and pleasure craft contributed to the honors. The American squadron sailed in the afternoon.

Winooski Water Works Transferred.

The formal transfer of the property and stock of the Winooski Aqueduct Co. has been completed. Immediately following the transfer a special meeting of the village trustees was held, at which it was voted to pay the sum asked by the aqueduct company, viz.: \$32,500. The new company will now be known as the Winooski Valley Water Works and the office will be on the second floor of the Winooski building.

The Times' Daily Short Story.

Why She Would Not Marry

(Original.)

In 1850 John Chapman went from Pennsylvania to the sea islands, in Port Royal harbor, to raise cotton. Sea island cotton was famous for its fine quality then, as now, and Chapman, having bought a plantation on Hilton Head Island, settled himself with his family, as he supposed, for the rest of his life. He raised ten crops, which gave him a handsome profit on his investment, and was considering the eleventh when the first cannon of the civil war boomed at Charleston, so near that he could almost hear it. Chapman, being a Union man, sold his plantation and his slaves, making many of them free, and returned to the north. His son Howard, whose sentiments had been known to be like his father's, for the Union, had suddenly shown a disposition to remain in the south and take up arms for the Confederacy. His father discovered that this change of front was not due to principle, but to an attachment for Carey, the daughter of Colonel Eldridge, the owner of a neighboring plantation. He warned his son of the probable failure of the secession movement and advised him to cast his lot with the north. Colonel Eldridge had forbidden the match, and the young man therefore decided to take his father's advice.

Colonel Eldridge had always been imprudent and had laid up nothing. His slaves, knowing that a war was in progress which they believed would liberate them, would not work. No cotton could be got to market, and the colonel's affairs soon fell into very bad shape. About this time blockade runners were busy along the coast, and some rich prizes were brought into Port Royal. Two of these belonged to Ralph Mellington, the younger son of an English nobleman. The success of both made him very wealthy.

Colonel Eldridge wished to save himself from poverty by obtaining help from Mellington, and to do this effectively, seeing that the young man had fallen violently in love with his daughter, he made up his mind that Carey should marry him. Carey had not admitted that she loved Chapman, and her father was sure she loved no one else. Mellington was a man whom any young lady might be glad to get. Therefore the colonel did not anticipate any special opposition.

Carey did not openly refuse. She knew that her father had been accustomed to having what he had set his heart on, and she knew on this match depended his saving himself from ruin. Carey put Mellington off, and the colonel, since there was not a positive refusal, encouraged the young man to think that she would come round in time. But it was the colonel himself who needed patience. He had

DIVER CLOSE TO TREASURE SHIP.

Long Search of Dukes of Argyll for Armada Wreck May Now Succeed.

Tolborough, Scotland, July 10.—James Gush, a famous West of Scotland diver, Thursday began work at the scene of the wreck of the Florencia, the treasure ship of the Spanish Armada, which was cast away on the coast of Scotland while trying to make its way back to Spain after the Armada's defeat. Within a few hours he had sufficient proof, in the form of sword blades, to show that the divers were in close proximity to the treasure ship.

The Florencia was one of the shattered remnants of the great Armada with which the Spaniards had hoped to conquer the English of Queen Bess, and which after the crushing defeat in the Channel fled northward with her crippled consort. The tale of history is that a Scot chieftain was captured by the crew of the Florencia when they went ashore on Mull for water. When he was taken on board, according to the legend, he threw a torch into the powder magazine, blowing up the ship, killing himself and most of the crew, and sinking her where she lay.

The Florencia was known to be the treasure ship of the Armada. It carried soft yellow gold and great bricks of silver from the New World possessions of Spain, and part of it was to have been used to pay off the sailors for the job of conquering England. In 1642 the Duke of Argyll commenced a search for the golden.

Three years ago the present Duke became infected with the hereditary gold fever, and set about his work with the best equipment his house had ever summoned. The most modern diving appliances and a large tug manned by experts in submarine work has persistently searched every foot of sea bottom off the Isle of Mull. The work was done in summer only, and a few weeks ago was begun for this season.

Although the house of Argyll has spent a great amount of money on the work, under the law of treasure trove the lion's share of the find would revert to the royal treasury.

A Mighty Chief.

According to an English traveler, the chief of one savage tribe in South Africa claims to control the sun and the rain. If the rain falls at a time inconvenient to his majesty, or if the sun shines when he does not desire it, he shoots arrows at the sky for not obeying him.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

The widow of Colonel Samuel Colt, inventor of the revolver which bears his name, is about to put up in Hartford a monument to her late husband.

Miss Portia M. Washington, daughter of Booker T. Washington, was one of the twenty-five young women who were graduated recently from Bradford academy at Haverhill, Mass.

Miss Gordon-Cummings of the old Scotch family of Gordon-Cummings has explored over 100 islands of the southern Pacific and was the first European to visit many remote places in Tibet.

The ever youthful Sarah Bernhardt has a new hobby. It is pottery, and she describes her handiwork, from the fashioning of the clay to the firing in the oven, with the enthusiastic delight of a girl.

Miss Elizabeth K. Brown, eldest daughter of the late David Wolfe Brown, who for many years was chief official reporter of the house of representatives, has gone into the mining business in Colorado.

Probably the busiest woman in Scotland is Miss Paterson, the only woman factory inspector in that country. She supervises all factories in Scotland where women are employed, and in order to do this she travels 13,000 miles a year.

Miss Alice Roosevelt has of late taken to dressing in a very smart way. She has long had the reputation of caring very little for dress, but she has learned the necessity, no doubt, of a smart appearance and now wears charming gowns and hats and blouses.

Mrs. Eleanor Hamilton Keenon, born on Feb. 14, 1832, lays claim to be not only the first white child born in Chicago, but also the oldest living pioneer. The first claim has been accepted as a fact by the Chicago Historical society, while the second remains open to dispute.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

The Rev. Cortland Meyers of Brooklyn has practically broken up policy playing in that city.

The Sabbath school children of Philadelphia propose to raise \$15,000 to help forward Christian work among the Italians of that city.

Bishop Potter has presented to the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, a lecture Bible, with the marginal readings adopted by the general convention.

Rev. Father Joseph Casey, the youngest chaplain in the army, is only twenty-six years old, but has traveled extensively, having visited all the leading shrines of Europe.

Rev. Dr. J. Addison Henry, pastor of the Princeton Presbyterian church in Philadelphia, has been connected with that charge for forty-five years. He is nearly seventy years old, but is in splendid health.

THE WRITERS.

Miss Marie Corelli has added to the charms of Stratford-on-Avon by importing a gondola made especially for her in Venice.

Rider Haggard is his own head gardener and has three acres of garden under cultivation. His staff consists of three regular men, with frequent use of a fourth—the owner himself.

"The Poet in Politics" may be Tom Masson's next book of general verse. His first attempt was entitled "In Merry Measure," but it was written before he was elected a school trustee in Glen Ridge, N. J.

As Pierre Loti, the academicien, is known as a great lover of cats, there was nothing surprising in his opening the cat show at Bordeaux. He refused to make a speech, though, saying: "Let's imitate our friend the cat. He's a silent creature."

TRAIN AND TRACK.

Push car seats have been banished from Kentucky as collectors of disease germs.

It is announced that the Central of New Jersey has finally abandoned all brass baggage checks and will use pasteboard cards for all baggage.

An appropriation of \$758,000 has been made for rebuilding bridges and culverts along the Erie railroad as a part of the comprehensive scheme now under way for the complete rehabilitation of the road.

Mexico bought 137 locomotives and 23,308 tons of steel rails from the United States in eleven months of 1904 calendar year. This was an increase of seventy locomotives and 21,000 tons of steel rails over the corresponding period of 1903.

ANIMAL LIFE.

All birds that live on seeds are furnished with strong gizzards.

The splendid snow white heron is fast disappearing, because the women have persisted in wearing egret plumes of this bird.

The giant of the whole spider family is the "hound" or "dog" spider of Madagascar. Its body weighs almost a pound and each of its eight legs is longer and larger in diameter than the common cedar pencil.

LIFE INSURANCE.

Drastic legislation and rigid supervision of life insurance will be the result of the Equitable scandal if state authorities, in New York especially, do their full duty.—Cleveland Leader.

No one man ought or can hope to control a great life insurance company by inheritance, purchase or in any way except as the chosen representative of its policy holders and responsible to them.—New York Life.

LAND ON ISLAND

Important Move by Japanese on Sakhalin.

MILITARY CIRCLES STIRRED

St. Petersburg Regards Possession by the Enemy an Important Card in Diplomatic Contest at Washington.

St. Petersburg, July 10.—A landing of Japanese troops on the island of Sakhalin was officially reported Saturday night at St. Petersburg, though it had been realized since the defeat of Admiral Rodjestvensky, that the Japanese were able to take possession of the island so soon as they thought fit. The strength of the landing force cannot be ascertained, but the garrison of the island is too weak to offer an effective defense.

A despatch dated Friday, from Gen. Liapounoff, commanding the Russian troops on the island of Sakhalin, to St. Petersburg, says: "At 9 o'clock on the morning Friday a Japanese squadron approached the village of Chipivan, about seven miles southwest of Korsakovsk, and opened fire on the shore." Another despatch of the same date says: "At 3 p. m. Japanese torpedo boats approached Korsakovsk and the Russian batteries opened fire on them and compelled the boats to retire. During the bombardment four of the inhabitants of Korsakovsk were killed. The bombardment had been anticipated and the commandant had ordered the withdrawal of the defenders inland."

Though the Japanese seem unwilling to risk a grand battle with Gen. Linevitch, pending the peace meeting at Washington, the landing of troops on Sakhalin island is considered to express Japan's decision regarding the formal conclusion of a general armistice, namely, that in the interval before the meeting it is necessary to occupy the island, whose possession is an important card in Japan's diplomatic contest at Washington.

The Japanese fleet covering the landing of troops on the island of Sakhalin consisted of two battleships, seven cruisers, three gunboats, 36 torpedo boats and 10 transports loaded with troops. The Japanese landed at the village of Merce, between Shepivan and Korsakovsk. The commander of the Russian detachment of troops at Korsakovsk ordered the coast defense guns to be blown up and all the government buildings burned before retiring.

MONARCHIES.

Dholpur, a state in India, recently sold the crown of its late maharajah for something like \$150,000. As civilization advances it dawns on the public that it is not a good business policy to keep money tied up in state jewelry.—Washington Star.

How much longer are the people of monarchies going to tolerate the fake doctrine that a baby, a youth, a man or a woman has the right, because of the mere accident of birth, to hold them in subjection and to exact the servile obedience of men and women who intellectually, morally and in every other way are superior?—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A COUPLE OF CATS.

Rev. W. H. Getchell of Lakeport, N. H., has a cat which enjoys the distinction among the cat family of being cross eyed. The cat is otherwise a perfect specimen of feline development.

Ira Page of North Sedgewick, Me., claims to have the prize cat of Hancock county if not of the state. Stonewall Jackson is his name, and his weight is nineteen and a quarter pounds. The dogs of the neighborhood have learned to give him all the room he shows a disposition to occupy.

Budding Creatures.

Sea anemones and some other marine creatures of low degree increase their species by budding. A small knot or wart appears on the body of the animal and by and by develops into a perfect though minute animal of the same species, separates from its parent and sets up in business for itself.

The Greenland Whale.

A Greenland whale is equal in weight to eighty-eight elephants or 440 bears.

Mushrooms.

A reliable test for mushrooms, says an experienced housekeeper, is to put a bit of silver, such as a well washed dime, into a dish in which they are cooked. If it discolors, the mushrooms are unfit for food.

Tea In 1717.

A youth at Cambridge university was in 1717 mildly remonstrated with by his uncle on account of his chamber's bill being too high "by reason of yt foolish custom you have got of drinking and toasting with Tea wch is not only very chargeable but is ye occasion of mispending a great deal of time. I hope therefore you will leave it off."

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SIRE'S AND SONS.

Colonel Stephen N. Winslow has been connected with the Philadelphia Inquirer for sixty-three years.

In Newark, N. J., a law firm, composed of Harold A. Miller and E. Garfield Gifford, has recently hung out its shingle. The initials of the two members are H. A. M. and E. G. G.

Sir Clements R. Markham, who has just retired from the presidency of the British Royal Geographical society, began life as a midshipman in the old days of sailing ships, and his love of travel dates from that period.

Morris K. Jesup, in recognition of his gift of a series of exhibits from the Jesup exploration collection to the Imperial Academy of Sciences at St. Petersburg, has received from the czar the grand cross of the Order of St. Stanislaus.

William Watt, who has been appointed director of the Dusseldorf Science and Art Institute, is the second son of a blacksmith of Port Glasgow. Starting with no advantage of birth or money or influence, he has largely educated himself. He is thirty-two years old.

The chief scout in the mikado's army in Manchuria is a Canadian, Lieutenant Thomas Casey Callaghan, who won his military title in the Boer war. Previous to that time he had roughed it on northwestern ranches, becoming an expert horseman, rifle shot and hunter of big game.

Earl Nelson, who is in his eighty-second year, is the only living peer who was a member of the house of lords when Queen Victoria came to the throne. His lordship is not a direct descendant of the great Lord Nelson, who left no sons, but is a grandson of his sister, Mrs. Bolton.

Eugene Richter, the great German radical who has recently gone blind, was a thorn in the flesh of Prince Bismarck. No member of the reichstag was more dreaded by the Iron Chancellor, and no other member so often caused him to lose his temper. This was largely due to Richter's extraordinary command of figures and finances.

Thomas F. Ryan, who is now head of the Equitable, was born in Virginia fifty-four years ago. At about the age of twenty-five he went to New York from Baltimore and entered a banking and brokerage house. The late William C. Whitney took him up as manager of his street railroad consolidations, and that was Mr. Ryan's first entrance in great affairs.

CURIOUS CULLINGS.

The curiosities of Vienna include a small dog, which, having been born without front legs, has learned to walk about on its hind legs.

The advertisement of a Springfield (Mo.) dentist says: "Laughing gas and vitalized air for extracting. Perfectly safe and harmless lady in attendance."

Into the funnel of a steamer at the mouth of the Mersey flew a homing pigeon, and from its calcined remains was taken a metal band marked "H. P., 1901, 622."

Isidore Brandon, aged seventy-nine, drowned himself in the Seine recently because his granddaughter, with whom he lived, reproved him for eating too much for a man of his age.

A kitten with rabbit's feet and eyes is a curiosity exhibited by Mrs. Eliza Perry of Bristol, Vt. The kitten was a three colored one—white, black and yellow. When alive the kitten walked, or hopped, like a rabbit.

A River of Wine.

Casks holding 320,000 pints of wine exploded in a wine vault at Quiller, Switzerland, the wine flowing in torrents down the street.

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